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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING OPEN
PERIPHERAL COMPONENT INTERCONNECT (PCI) SLOTS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In one aspect of the invention, a method for identifying an available peripheral component interconnect (PCI) slot in a computing device includes identifying at least one PCI slot in the computing device. The method also includes identifying any PCI devices coupled to a PCI bus. The PCI bus is coupled to the PCI slot. The method further includes determining if any of the identified PCI slots are available without requiring physical inspection of the PCI slots. An available PCI slot comprises an identified PCI slot that is not coupled to an identified PCI device.